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(54) **Method and system for predicting pharmacokinetic properties**

(57) This invention provides a method for predicting pharmacokinetic properties of molecules comprising the steps of:

(a) preparing 2D-structures of molecules used as a training set;
(b) constructing a 2D-fingerprint by counting the number of structural descriptors that potentially relate to a pharmacokinetic property, either manually or automatically using internally developed macro; wherein said structural descriptors consist of predefined 20 to 80 atoms/fragments or substructures;
(c) analyzing the obtained 2D-fingerprint by a statistical analysis method to correlate with the phar-

macokinetic property of the molecule to yield a quantitative structure-property relationship (QSPR) model; and
(d) calculating the pharmacokinetic property of a trial molecule using the above obtained QSPR model.

A system for this invention is also provided. According to this method and system, it is possible to predict pharmacokinetic properties of molecules prior to synthesis, without labor-intensive and time-consuming experimentation.

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Description

Technical Field

5 [0001] This invention relates to a method and system to predict pharmacokinetic (ADME) properties such as drug absorption (permeability), distribution, metabolism, and excretion, which are crucial properties in drug discovery.

Background Art

10 [0002] Experimental measurements to obtain pharmacokinetic properties are time-consuming and labor-intensive. Moreover experiments require a significant amount of actual compounds. Thus, the computational methods to predict such properties of virtual compounds are highly desirable in prioritization of targets prior to synthesis.

[0003] So far, similar descriptors as conventionally employed in the quantitative structure activity relationship (QSAR) analysis (steric bulk, lipophilicity, HOMO energy, etc.) have been adopted in quantitative structure property relationship 15 (QSPR) analysis to correlate with PK-related parameters (t1/2, clearance, or oxidation rate, etc.) (Lien, E. J. et al. Acta Pharm. Jugosl. 1984, 34, 123—131; Baeaernhielm, C. et al. Chem.-Biol. Interact. 1986, 58, 277—288). Graph theory derived parameters (molecular connectivity indexes, etc.) have been also used for this purpose (Markin, R. S. et al. Pharm. Res. 1988, 5, 201—208; Garcia-March, F. J. et al. J. Pharm. Pharmacol. 1995, 47, 232—236). Recently reported QSPR methods necessitate calculation on 3D-structures that is still computationally intensive (Lombardo, F. et 20 al. J. Med. Chem. 1996, 39, 4750-4755; Palm, K. et al. J. Med. Chem. 1998, 41, 5382-5392; Clark, D. E. J. Pharm. Sci. 1999, 88, 815—821). The QSPR methods also necessitate complete set of molecular parameters (van de Waterbeemd, H. et al. Quant. Struct.-Act. Relat. 1996, 15, 480—490) that require experimental measurements to be determined.

[0004] 2D-fingerprints are frequently employed in molecular similarity/diversity analysis (e.g. ISIS™/Base similarity 25 search or SYBYL™/Selector), high-volume QSAR analysis (e.g. HQSAR, vide infra), and other drug discovery scenes. To date there has been no report on development of 2D-fingerprints descriptors to analyze pharmacokinetic properties.

[0005] WO 98/07107 discloses a MOLECULAR HOLOGRAM QSAR (HQSAR™) to develop high volume QSAR models. HQSAR™ uses molecular hologram based on fragments counts to deal with mostly potency/activity. A symposium proceeding (Niwa, T. "Prediction of Human Intestinal Absorption of Drug Based on Neural Network Modeling"; 30 27th Symposium on Structure-Activity Relationships held in Japan, Nov. 10, 1999) describes a method to estimate human intestinal absorption (HIA) based on molecular topological indexes derived from 2D-structure.

[0006] It could be highly desirable to provide a system and method to predict pharmacokinetic properties of actual and virtual molecules with high performance (predictivity and speed) and wide applicability to diverse molecules.

35 **Brief Disclosure of the Invention**

[0007] This invention provides a new method and system for QSPR analysis and prediction based on only 2D-structure that allows us to predict hundreds of compounds rapidly. The method and system of this invention employs 2D-fingerprints, an array of the counts of functional groups as descriptors for QSPR.

40 [0008] This invention provides a method for predicting pharmacokinetic properties of molecules comprising the steps of:

(a) preparing 2D-structures of molecules used as a training set;
(b) constructing a 2D-fingerprint by counting the number of structural descriptors that potentially relate to a phar-
45 macokinetic property, either manually or automatically using internally developed macro; wherein said structural descriptors consist of predefined 20 to 80 atoms/fragments or substructures;
(c) analyzing the obtained 2D-fingerprint by a statistical analysis method to correlate with the pharmacokinetic property of the molecule to yield a quantitative structure-property relationship (QSPR) model; and
(d) calculating the pharmacokinetic property of a trial molecule using the above obtained QSPR model.

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[0009] This invention also provides a system for predicting pharmacokinetic properties of molecules comprising:

(a) means for preparing 2D-structures of molecules used as a training set;
(b) means for constructing a 2D-fingerprint by counting the number of structural descriptors that potentially relate
55 to a pharmacokinetic property, wherein said structural descriptors consist of predefined 20 to 80 atoms/fragments or substructures;
(c) means for analyzing the obtained 2D-fingerprint by a statistical analysis method to correlate with the pharmacokinetic property of the molecule to yield a quantitative structure-property relationship (QSPR) model; and

(d) means for calculating the pharmacokinetic property of a trial molecule using the above obtained QSPR model.

[0010] Another aspect of this invention provides a method wherein the pharmacokinetic property is absorption.

[0011] Another aspect of this invention provides a method wherein the pharmacokinetic property is distribution.

[0012] Another aspect of this invention provides a method wherein the pharmacokinetic property is metabolism

[0013] Another aspect of this invention provides a method wherein the pharmacokinetic property is excretion.

[0014] Another aspect of this invention provides a method wherein the internally developed macro comprises the macro script 2dfp.spl or 2dfp_abs.spl, written in SYBYL™ Programming Language (SPL).

[0015] Preferably, each of the steps of the methods of the invention is carried out using molecular modeling software, databases or drawing software. More preferably one is such as SYBYL™, version 6.5 (Tripos Inc., St. Louis, MO). The database includes, for example, ISIS Bases version 2.2.1 (MDL information Systems, Inc. San Leandro, CA.). The drawing software includes such as SYBYL™/SKETCH option, ISIS™ Draw version 2.2.1, Chem Draw Pro™ version 5.0 (CambridgeSoft. Corp. Cambridge, MA) and SMILES™ (Daylight Chemical Information Systems, Inc., Mission Viejo, CA). Other modeling software, databases, and drawing software known to those of skill in the art can also be used.

[0016] This invention enables us to perform virtual screening for synthetic targets and data mining using databases as well as drug design to optimize the pharmacokinetic profiles. Based on the QSPR model in this invention, it is possible to predict pharamacokinetic properties of molecules prior to synthesis, without labor-intensive and time-consuming experiment. This invention relies on 2D-fingerprint modeling requiring only 2D-structure, which enables us to perform rapid calculation to predict hundreds of compounds without tedious calculation about 3D-structure. Moreover, 2D-fingerprint used in this invention comprises only 20-80 bits.

Description of Figures

[0017]

Figure 1 is a flowchart showing the overall process of the invention.

Figure 2 shows a plot of actual vs. calculated log t1/2.

Figure 3 shows a plot of actual vs. calculated $\log(P_{app} * 10^6)$.

Figure 4 shows a plot of actual vs. calculated logBB.

Detailed Disclosure of the Invention

[0018] The term "molecules used as a training set" as used herein, refers to the molecules whose pharmacokinetic properties have been already determined experimentally and used to develop a predictive QSPR model.

[0019] The term "pharmacokinetic properties" as used herein, refers to the properties of molecules related to metabolism, absorption (permeability), distribution, and excretion (ADME).

[0020] A number of experimental methods or models are known in ADME.

[0021] Examples of absorption studies are 1) kinetic studies based on measuring plasma concentration, urinary fecal excretions and gastrointestinal disposition after oral administration *in vivo,* 2) single-pass perfusion method, recirculation method, loop method *in situ,* and 3) everted sacs method, methods of using brush border membrane vesicles, isolated cells, and cultured cells (Caco-2) *in vitro* and the like.

[0022] Examples of distribution studies are 1) the method of measuring concentration of target organs after administration by various technique such as HPLC, LC-MS, autoradiography and microdialysis *in vivo,* 2) brain perfusion methods such as vascular reference method (brain uptake index) *in situ,* and 3) methods of using isolated cells or cultured cells (such as endothelial cell) *in vitro* and the like.

[0023] Examples of metabolism studies are 1) kinetic studies based on measuring concentrations of drugs and the metabolites after adequate administration routes such as intravenous administration, administration per portal vain *in vivo,* and *in situ,* 2) kinetic studies such as a half-life of drugs in mammalian organ (liver, kidney, intestine, etc. with slices, homogenates and microsomes etc) and in isolated cells or cultured cells such as hepatocytes *in vitro* and the like.

[0024] Examples of excretion studies are 1) kinetic studies based on measuring concentration of drugs in urine, bile, feces etc after administration *in vivo,* 2) enzymatic studies of excretion via pumps such as P-glycoprotein, *in vitro* and the like.

[0025] The term "2D-fingerprint" as used herein, refers to a 2D-molecular measure in which a bit in a data string is set corresponding to atoms/fragments or substructures.

[0026] The term "predefined atoms/fragments or substructures" as used herein, refers to atoms or functional groups relating to a phrmacokinetic property, which are based on the literature source (Bonse, V.G., Metzler, M. "Biotransformationen Organischer Fremdsubstanzen" (Yakubutu-Taisha) in Japanese Asakura, Tokyo (1980); Kato, R., Kamatani, T. "Yakubutu-Taishagaku" in Japanese, Tokyo-Kagaku-Dojin, Tokyo, chapter 4, 93-123 ,(1995)), otherwise refers to

functional groups such as saturated or unsaturated bonds, rings (aromatic or cycloalkyl), amines, anilines, nittrogen in aromatics, imines/nitriles/guanidine/amidine, oxyamine(N-O)/nitro/azo-/hydrazin, amide/thioamide/sulfonamide/, alcohol/ether/aldehyde/ketone/ester/carboxylic acid/carbothioic acid/sulfinic acid/sulfonic acid, halogen, oxygen or sulfur functional groups, and total number of carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, sulfur or phosphorus atom.

[0027] The term "internally developed macro" as used herein, refers to an internally developed Sybyl Programming Language (SPL) code. Preferable internally developed macro is as described in Working Examples 4 and 5.

[0028] The QSPR model based on 2D-fingerprints for metabolism predicts half-life of molecules in a human liver microsome mixture with good predictivity. The 2D-fingerprints for absorption are successfully employed to develop a higly predictive QSPR model on drug permeability across monolayer Caco-2 cells. Similarly the present 2D-fingerprints/ PLS modeling can be applied to develop statistically significant QSPR models on blood-brain barrier partitioning of the structurally diverse set. Thus, the method of this invention requiring only 2D-structures of the pertinent molecules enables to perform virtual screening of synthetic targets and data mining using molecular database as well as drug design to optimize the pharmacokinetic profiles.

[0029] Figure 1 illustrates the method of this invention. This invention will be described in more detail with reference to Figure 1. Computational modeling studies can be carried out using molecular modeling software, preferably SYBYL™ on a Silicon Graphics Octane™ workstation. The method of this invention comprises the following steps:

(a) 2D-structure of a molecule can be prepared by retrieving from a database such as ISIS™/Base, or by constructing manually with drawing software. The drawing software includes, for example, SYBYL™/SKETCH option (on the workstation), or ISIS™ Draw, Chem Draw™ and SMILES™ on (PC such as Windows NT client PC). The 2D-structure thus prepared can be transferred to the workstation, and stored in the molecular database.

(b) The prepared 2D-structure of a molecule can be imported into molecular modeling software such as SYBYL™ as a MOL2 format. 2D-fingerprints can be constructed by the use of internally developed macro script 2dfp.spl or 2dfp_abs.spl, written in SYBYL™ Programming Language (SPL) implemented in SYBYL™, or by manually counting the number of the atoms/fragments or substructures. The macro program converts 2D-structures stored in the molecular database as a MOL2 format into a SYBYL™ line notation (SLN) format. Subsequently, the macro searches each SLN for the substructures potentially related to a pharmacokinetic property that match the queries described in the macro (as shown in Working Example 4), wherein the queries are predefined as the substructures (20 to 80 atoms/fragments). Finally the macro enumerates the substructure counts, and records them as 2D-fingerprints.

(c) Statistical analysis is performed to obtain a correlation between the obtained 2D-fingerprints and the pharmacokinetic property. Any analytical method such as partial least square (PLS) algorithm, sample-distance partial least squares (SAMPLS; Bush, B. L. *et al. J. Computer-Aided Mol. Design*, 1993, 7, 587-619), genetic algorithm or neural network can be employed to yield an optimal quantitative structure property relationship (QSPR) model.

(d) The pharmacokinetic property for trial molecules can be calculated based on the above obtained QSPR model.

[0030] The pharmacokinetic properties of the molecule such as absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion, can be apparent permeability coefficients (P_{app}) [cm/sec], blood-brain barrier partitioning ratio {(C_{brain}/C_{blood}) = BB}, half-life($T_{1/2}$) in mammalian liver microsome and the like.

[0031] The system of this invention can be constructed using appropriate computer hardware such as a Silicon Graphics Octane™ workstation and software as described above.

[0032] This invention will be further described below with reference to the following Working Examples.

Examples

Example 1

Development and validation of QSPR for half life in human liver microsome.

[0033] Computational modeling studies were carried out using a Silicon Graphics Octane™ workstation. A congeneric series of 54 compounds of Formula (I)(as shown in the following Table 1.) with a variety of substituent groups were used as a training set for analysis.
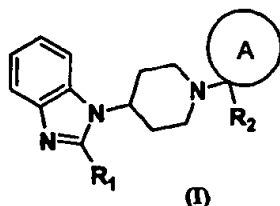
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Table 1.

#	A	R1	R2
1a	cycloheptyl	piperidinyl	Ph
2a	cycloheptyl	$H_2N(CH_2)_2O-$	Ph
3a	cycloheptyl	4-aminopiperidyl	Ph
4a	cycloheptyl	$H_2N(CH_2)_2C(O)-$	Ph
5a	cycloheptyl	H2N(CH2)2CONH-	Ph
6a	cyclohepten-1-yl	4-aminopiperidyl	Ph
7a	cyclooctyl	H_2NCH_2CONH-	Ph
8a	cycloheptyl	$H_2N(CH_2)_3-$	Ph
9a	cycloheptyl	4-aminocyclohexylamino	Ph
10a	cyclohepten-1-yl	piperazinyl	Ph
11 a	cycloheptyl	piperazinyl	Ph
12a	cycloheptyl	$H_2N(CH_2)_2NH-$	Ph

13a	cycloheptyl	H2NC(CH3)2CH2NH-	Ph
14a	cycloheptyl	N-methylpiperazinyl	Ph
15a	cycloheptyl	piperidinylamino	Ph
16a	cycloheptyl	4-aminopiperidyl	CH_3
17a	cycloheptyl	piperidinyl	CH_3
18a	cycloheptyl	$H_2N(CH_2)_{10}NH-$	Ph
19a	cycloheptyl	4-aminoazetidinyl	Ph
20a	cycloheptyl	$H_2N(CH_2)_8NH-$	Ph
21a	cycloheptyl	$(CH_3)_2N(CH_2)_2NH-$	Ph
22a	cyclooctyl	N-methylpiperazinyl	Ph
23a	cycloheptyl	piperazinyl	isopropyl
24a	cycloheptyl	piperidinecarboximidamide	Ph
25a	cycloheptyl	H2N(CH2)6NH-	Ph
26a	cycloheptyl	H2N(CH2)4NH-	Ph
27a	cyclononyl	amino	Ph
28a	cycloheptyl	$CH_3NH(CH_2)_2NH-$	Ph
29a	cyclooctyl	piperazinyl	CH_3
30a	cycloheptyl	4-aminopiperidyl	vinyl
31a	cycloheptyl	isopropyl	Ph
32a	cycloheptyl	2-guanidinoethyl	Ph
33a	cycloheptyl	mathanesulfoonyl	Ph
34a	cycloheptyl	piperidinyloxy	Ph
35a	cycloheptyl	dimethylamino	Ph
36a	cycloheptyl	amino	Ph
37a	cycloheptyl	CH_3CONH-	Ph
38a	cycloheptyl	hydroxypiperidinyl	Ph

(continued)

39a	cycloheptyl	$H_2N(CH_2)_3SO_2$-	Ph
40a	cycloheptyl	methylamino	Ph
41a	cycloheptyl	methyl	Ph
42a	cyclooctyl	piperazinyl	CH_3
43a	cycloheptyl	isobutyl(NH_2)CHCONH-	Ph
44a	cycloheptyl	methylamino	CH_3
45a	cycloheptyl	methoxy	Ph
46a	cyclooctyl	methylamino	normalpropyl

47a	cyclooctyl	methylamino	CH_3
48a	cyclooctyl	methylpiperazinyl	CH_3
49a	cycloheptyl	H	Ph
50a	cyclononyl	methylamino	CH_3
51a	cyclononyl	methylpiperazinyl	CH_3
52a	cycloheptyl	isobutyl(NH_2)CHCONH-	CH_3
53a	cycloheptyl	H2N(CH2)2CONH-	Ph
54a	cycloheptyl	$H_2N(CH_3)_2$CCONH-	Ph

[0034] Half-life (t1/2) *in vitro* for each compound was determined by HPLC analysis of the reaction mixture with human liver microsome. The employed 2D-structures were retrieved from ISIS™/Base (version 2.2.1, MDL Information Systems, Inc., San Leandro, CA) or constructed with ISIS™/Draw (version 2.2.1, MDL Information Systems, Inc., San Leandro, CA) on a WinNT client PC, followed by being transferred to the Octane workstation and stored in a molecular database. The 2D-fingerprints were constructed by use of a newly developed macro script 2dfp.spl, written in SYBYL™ Programming Language (SPL), which was implemented in SYBYL™ (version 6.5, Tripos Inc., St. Louis, MO). The macro program converted 2D-structures stored in the molecular database as MOL or MOL2 format into SYBYL™ line notation (SLN) format, and counted the number of the atoms or functional groups that matched queries defined in a table described in the macro program. The atoms or functional groups susceptible to be involved in metabolism were assigned on the basis of the literature source (Bonse, V. G., Metzler, M. "Biotransformationen Organischer Fremdsubstanzen" (Yakubutu-Taisya, in Japanese) Asakura, Tokyo (1980); Kato, R.; Kamataki, T. "Yakubutu-Taisyagaku" in Japanese, Tokyo-Kagaku-Dojin Tokyo (1995)). Partial least square (PLS) algorithm in QSPR module in SYBYL™ was employed to correlate the aforementioned 2D-fingerprints and t1/2 to produce QSPR model. Thirty-eight bits out of whole 2D-fingerprints used since 25 bits with all the same value or 0 were dropped. SAMPLS run in crossvalidation step (leave-1-out) identified the optimum PLS component as 5 (N = 54, Std. Error_prediction = 0.414; q^2 = 0.518). Non-crossvalidation PLS analysis resulted in a significant five-component model with the following statistics: Std. Error_Est. = 0.219, r^2 = 0.865, F(nl = 5, n2 = 48) = 61.3.

[0035] Figure 2 shows the plot of actual vs. calculated log t1/2 (closed circles). For validation of the present QSPR model, the prediction of half-life for the test set (12 compounds) was performed. As indicated open squares in Figure 2, the model has a fairly good predictivity, which allows us to prioritize the targets for synthesis.

Example 2

Development of QSPR for Caco-2 permeability.

[0036] Unless otherwise noted similar computational molecular modeling were performed as described in Example 1. Table 2 enlists 21 structurally diverse compounds as a training set, whose apparent permeability coefficients (P_{app}) [cm/sec] of a compound across Caco-2 cells was used as in literature source (Yee, S. *Pharm. Res.* **1997**, 14, 763—766). The counts of substructures to match with the predefined queries were encoded as a array of integers by a similar SPL script (2dfp_abs.spl) to afford 2D-fingerprints as descriptors employed in the correlation analysis. SAMPLS run in crossvalidation step (leave-1-out) identified the optimum PLS component as 2 (N = 21, Std. Error_prediction = 0.444; q^2 = 0.463). Non-crossvalidation PLS analysis resulted in a significant two-component model with the following statistics: Std. Error_Est. = 0.254, r^2 = 0.824, F(nl = 2, n2 = 18) = 42.1. Figure 3 shows the plot of actual vs. calculated log (P_{app} * 10^6).

Table 2.

Training set compounds with apparent permeability.					
Compd.	$P_{app} * 10^6$ (cm/sec)	Compd.	$P_{app} * 10^6$ (cm/sec)	Compd.	$P_{app} * 10^6$ (cm/sec)
Azithromycin	1.04	Diazepam	70.97	Prazosin	43.60
Benzylpenicillins	1.96	Erythromycin	1.80	Propranolol	27.50
Caffeine	50.50	Fluconazole	29.80	Quinidine	20.40
Chloramphenicol	20.60	Ibuprofen	52.50	Tenidap	51.20
Clonidine	30.10	Imipramine	14.10	Testosterone	72.27
Desipramine	21.60	Methotrexate	1.20	Trovafloxacin	30.23
Dexamethasone	23.40	Naloxone	28.20	Ziprasidone	12.30

Example 3

Development of QSPR for blood-brain barrier partition.

[0037] Unless otherwise noted, similar molecular modeling was performed as described in Example 1. Blood-brain barrier partitioning ratio, {$\log(C_{brain}/C_{blood})$ = logBB} for "drug-like" compounds (N = 35, Chart 1) as a training set were used as in literature source (Lombardo, F. et al., J. Med. Chem. 1996, 39, 4750—4755.). The 2D-fingerprints were calculated as above example. PLS modeling to correlate 2D-fingerprints with BBB partitioning ratio showed the following statistics. Crossvalidation (SAMPLS, leave-1-out): the optimum PLS component = 3, N = 35, Std. Error_prediction = 0.69; q^2 = 0.29. Non-crossvalidation: Std. Error_Est. = 0.38, r^2 = 0.78, $F_{(3, 31)}$ = 37. 4.

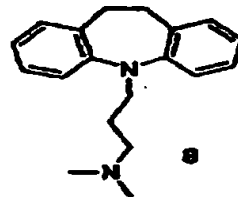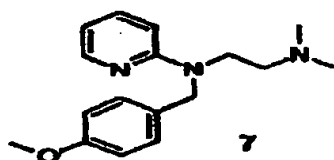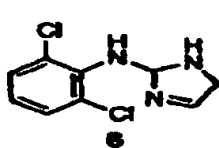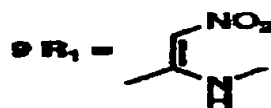## Chart 1. Compounds employed in the analysis. (compound 36 for validation)
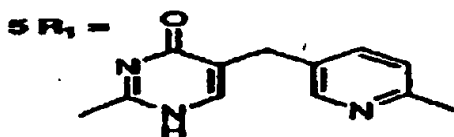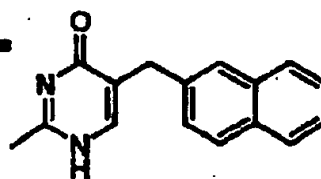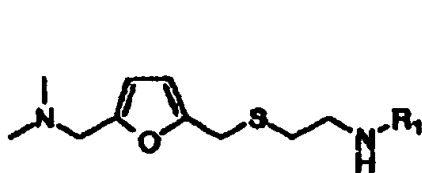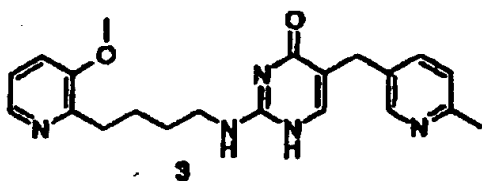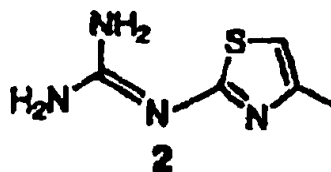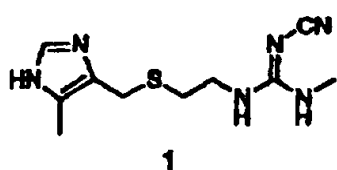
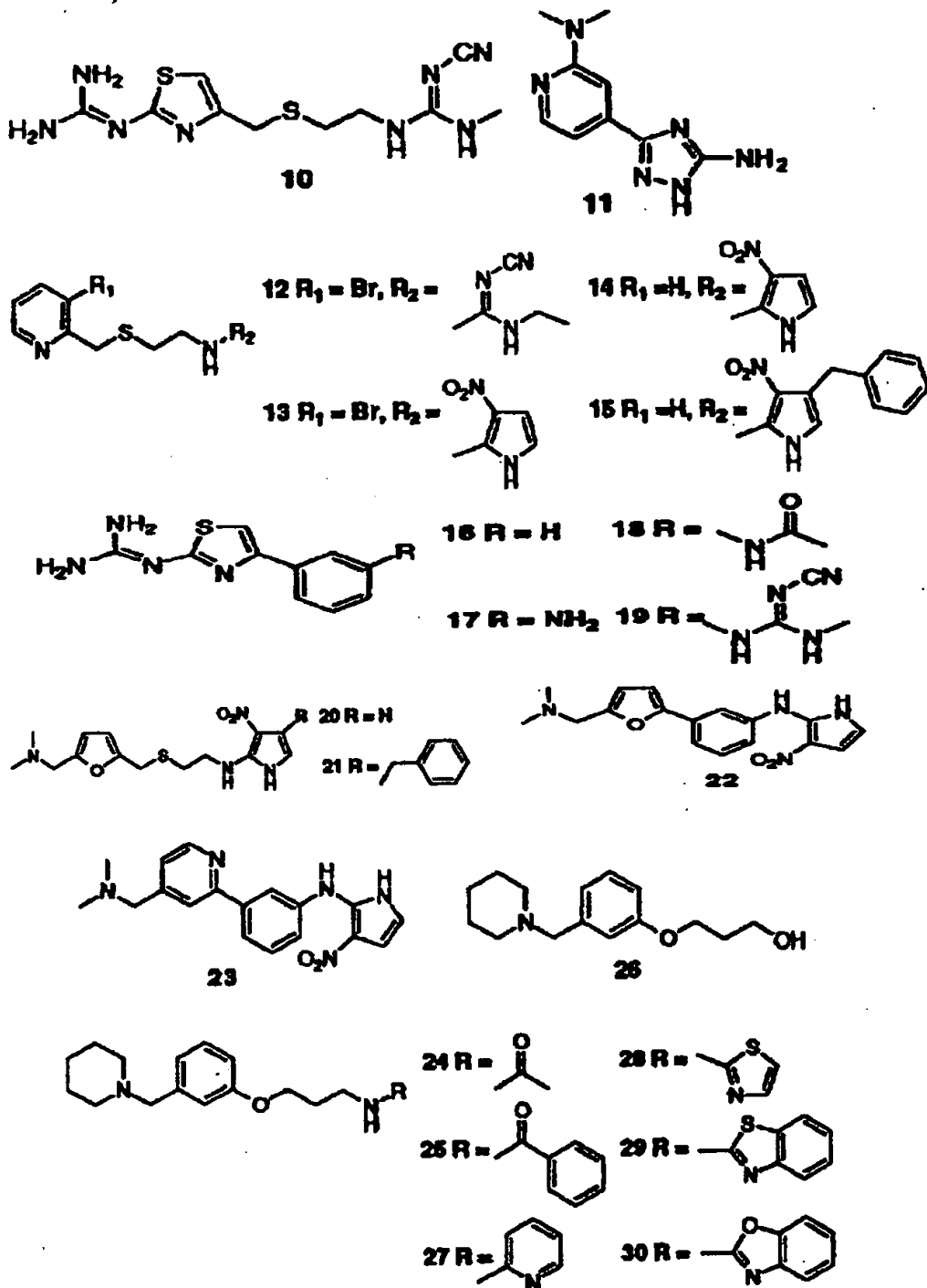Chart 1(continued). Compounds employed in the analysis. (compound 36 for validation)

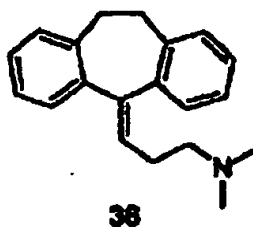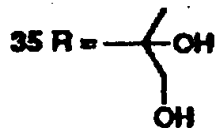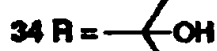Chart 1(continued). Compounds employed in the analysis.   (compound 36 for validation)
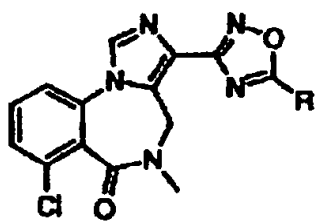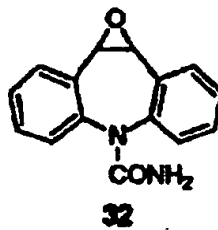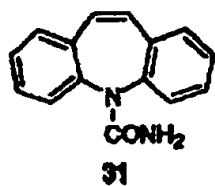
Example 4

SPL macro (2dfp.spl) to prepare 2D-fingerprints for half life.

5   [0038]

```
uims define macro 2dfp sybylbasic yes
##
## Set the Source Database, and Column-Names File.
##
setvar source %promptif("$1" "STRING" "MYFILE.MDB" "Source Database.mdb"
"Database with molecules to be calculated")
setvar resultsFP %promptif("$1" "STRING" "Columns.txt" "Filename storing column
names" "Text file to store column names")

## if %not(%mols(*))
##          %dialog_message(ERROR "There are no molecules." "No Molecules")
>$NULLDEV
##          return
## endif

#
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#    Set the molecule area to calculate "2D-FingerPrint".
#    Note that $current_molarea is defined by the "calling"
#    table when adding a column of data.
#
localvar mol_area


if $1
        setvar mol_area $1
else
        setvar mol_area $current_molarea
endif


database open $source read


##
## Loop over all molecules in the source database
##
for j IN %database(*)
        database get "$j" $mol_area
#
# set the SLN expression for the molecular area
#
        setvar sln_exp %sln($mol_area)
        setvar ARRAY


#
#    # items + 1 (compd_num) BIT's will be used
#
############### @compdnum)        ################### BIT 1
        setvar ARRAY[01] %mol_info($mol_area name)


###### Exp-Generator_read(file_ID) looping is another choice..........


################# Unsaturated bonds    ########### BIT 2~4
##    fp1a) Unsaturated bonds (aromatic)
        setvar query Any:Any
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate    0 yes))
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            setvar ARRAY[02] $BIT
    ##   fp1b) Unsaturated bonds (bouble)
            setvar query Any=Any
                setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate    0 yes))
            setvar ARRAY[03] $BIT
    ##   fp1c) Unsaturated bonds (triple)
            setvar query Any#Any
            setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate    0 yes))
            setvar ARRAY[04] $BIT


############### ring (topology) ############# BIT 5~15
## @fp2a) 3-membered ring
        setvar query Hev[1]~Hev~Hev@1
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate    0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[05] $BIT
##@fp2b) 4-membered ring
        setvar query Hev[1]~Hev~Hev~Hev@1
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate    0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[06] $BIT
##@fp2c) 5-membered ring
        setvar query Hev[1]~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev@1
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate    0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[07] $BIT
##@fp2d) 6-membered ring
        setvar query Hev[1]~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev@1
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate    0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[08] $BIT
##@fp2e) phenyl ring
        setvar query C[1]:C:C:C:C:C:@1
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate    0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[09] $BIT
##@fp2f) 7-membered ring
        setvar query Hev[1]~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev@1
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate    0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[10] $BIT
##@fp2g) 8-membered ring
        setvar query Hev[1]~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev@1
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        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[11] $BIT
##@fp2h) 9-membered ring
        setvar query Hev[1]~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev@1
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[12] $BIT
##@fp2i) 10-membered ring
        setvar query Hev[1]~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev@1
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[13] $BIT
##@fp2j) 11-membered ring
        setvar query Hev[1]~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev@1
         setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[14] $BIT
##@fp2k) 12-membered ring
        setvar query
Hev[1]~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev~Hev@1
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[15] $BIT


################# Elements __Overall   ############# BIT 16~22
##@fp3a) total Hetro atoms
        setvar query Het
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[16] $BIT
##@fp3b) total Halogen
        setvar query Any[is=F,Br,Cl,I]
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[17] $BIT
##@fp3c) total N
        setvar query N
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[18] $BIT
##@fp3d) total NH
        setvar query NH
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[19] $BIT
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##@fp3e) total O
     setvar query O
     setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
     setvar ARRAY[20] $BIT
##@fp3f) total OH
     setvar query OH
     setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
     setvar ARRAY[21] $BIT
##@fp3g) total S
     setvar query S
     setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
     setvar ARRAY[22] $BIT


################# Methyl, terminal      ############# BIT 23~26
##@fp4a) C-Methyl   (omega-Oxidation)
     setvar query C-CH3
     setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
     setvar ARRAY[23] $BIT
##@fp4b) N-Methyl (N-demethylation)
     setvar query N-CH3
     setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
     setvar ARRAY[24] $BIT
##@fp4c) O-Methyl (O-demethylation)
     setvar query O-CH3
     setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
     setvar ARRAY[25] $BIT
##@fp4d) S-Methyl (S-demethylation)
     setvar query CH3-S[F]-Any[NOT=H*]
     setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
     setvar ARRAY[26] $BIT


################# Methylene -CH2-      ############# BIT 27~30
##@fp5a) Methylene group
     setvar query Any[NOT=H*,N,O]-CH2-Any[NOT=H*,N,O]
     setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
     setvar ARRAY[27] $BIT
##@fp5b) N-Methylene
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        setvar query N-CH2-Any[NOT=H*]
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[28] $BIT
##@fp5c) O-Methylene
        setvar query O-CH2-Any[NOT=H*]
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[29] $BIT
##@fp5d) S-Methylene
        setvar query S[F]-CH2-Any[NOT=H*]
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[30] $BIT


################ Methine >CH-, Allylic/Benzylic H (to be absorbed)
################ BIT 31~36
##@fp6a) Methine group
setvar          query          Any[NOT=H*,N,O,S]-CH(-Any[NOT=H*,N,O,S])-
Any[NOT=H*,N,O,S]
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[31] $BIT
##@fp6b) Benzylic H (Ar-CH) (if Ph-CH2, then the count =2)
        setvar query CHC(:Any):Any
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[32] $BIT
##@fp6c) Allyl H    (if CR=CR-CH2, then the count =2)
        setvar query CHC(=C)
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate . 0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[33] $BIT
##@fp6d) N-Methine
        setvar query N-CH(-Any[NOT=H*])-Any[NOT=H*]
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[34] $BIT
##@fp6e) O-Methine
        setvar query O-CH(-Any[NOT=H*])-Any[NOT=H*]
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[35] $BIT
##@fp6f) S-Methine
        setvar query S-CH(-Any[NOT=H*])-Any[NOT=H*]
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        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate    0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[36] $BIT


################ Nitrogen containing Compounds ############# BIT 37~49
################ Amines / Imines / Nitrile     ############# BIT 37~46
##@fp7a) Primary Amines, unbranched
        setvar query NH2CH2
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate    0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[37] $BIT
##@fp7b) Primary Amines, branched
        setvar query NH2CH(Any[NOT=H*])(Any[NOT=H*])
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate    0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[38] $BIT
##@fp7c) Primary Amines, branched
        setvar query NH2C(Any[NOT=H*])(Any[NOT=H*])(Any[NOT=H*])
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate    0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[39] $BIT
##@fp7d) Primary Anilines (Ar-NH2)
        setvar query NH2C:Any(:Any[NOT=H*])
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate    0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[40] $BIT
##@fp7e) Secondary Amines,
        setvar query NH(C[NOT=C=O])C[NOT=C=O]
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate    0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[41] $BIT
##@fp7f) Tertiary Amines
        setvar query N(C[NOT=C=O])(C[NOT=C=O])(C[NOT=C=O])
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate    0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[42] $BIT
##@fp7g) Imines
        setvar query N=C
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate    0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[43] $BIT
##@fp7h)   Nitrile
        setvar query C#N
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate    0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[44] $BIT
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##@fp7i) N in aromatics
        setvar query Any[is=N,C]:N:Any[is=N,C]
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[45] $BIT
##@fp7j) Guanidine
        setvar query NC(=N)N
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[46] $BIT


############### N-O, Nitro, N-N   ##################### BIT 47~49
##@fp7k) NO {Hydroxyamine, Oxime, Hydroxamic acid, ....)
        setvar query N-O
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[47] $BIT
##@fp7l) Nitro (count =2), Nitroso (count =1)
        setvar query N(=O)
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[48] $BIT
##@fp7m) N-N
        setvar query N-N
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[49] $BIT


################ Amide, Ester, Sulfonamide ############### BIT 50~52
##@fp8a) Ester
        setvar query C(=O)OC
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[50] $BIT
##@fp8b) Amide
        setvar query NC(=O)
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[51] $BIT
##@fp8c) Sulfonamide
        setvar query NS(=O)(=O)
        setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
        setvar ARRAY[52] $BIT
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################ Ketone, Aldehyde, Alcohol, Thiol, Sulfide ### BIT 53~59
##@fp9a) Primary Alcohol
      setvar query CH2(OH)(~Hev)
      setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
      setvar ARRAY[53] $BIT
##@fp9b) Secondary Alcohol
      setvar query CH(OH)(~Hev)(~Hev)
      setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
      setvar ARRAY[54] $BIT
##@fp9c) Ketone, Aldehyde
      setvar query Any[is=H,C]CC(=O)(Any[is=H,C])
      setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
      setvar ARRAY[55] $BIT
##@fp9d) COOH
      setvar query Any[is=H,C]CC(=O)(OH)
      setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
      setvar ARRAY[56] $BIT
##@fp9e) Sulfide
      setvar query CS[F]C
      setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
      setvar ARRAY[57] $BIT
##@fp9f) Thiol
      setvar query S[F]H(C)
      setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
      setvar ARRAY[58] $BIT
##@fp9g) Thiocarbonyl
      setvar query C=S
      setvar BIT %count(%search2D($sln_exp $query NoDuplicate   0 yes))
      setvar ARRAY[59] $BIT


      echo $ARRAY
      echo $ARRAY >> $resultsFP
      zap $mol_area


endfor
database close
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##
##    Announce of the completion & the location of the results
echo
echo "job completed on %system(date)"
echo "The results is stored $resultsFP as a text file,"
echo "please import if from MSS (table)."
echo "     ==> custom format, space separated, column label used"
```

Example 5

[0039] By use of a similar method described in example 4, 2D-Fingerprints for Caco-2 permeability and blood-brain barrier partition were prepared based on the following description.

Fp-ID	Name	Query
Alkyl Amines		
fp1a	Primary	NH2C[NOT=C=O,C=S,C:Any,Any[IS=C,N]C(=N)N,C[1](Any[IS=O,S,N]A ny=:AnyAny=@1),C[1](=AnyAny[IS=O, S,N]Any=:Any@1)]
fp1b	Secondary	NH(C[NOT=C=O,C=S,C:Any,Any[IS=C,N]C(=N)N,C[1](Any[IS=O,S,N]A ny=:AnyAny=@1),C[1](=AnyAny[IS=O, S,N]Any=:Any@1)])(C[NOT=C= O,C=S,C:Any,Any[IS=C, N]C(=N)N,C[1](Any[IS=O,S,N]Any=:AnyAny=@ 1),C[1] (=AnyAny[IS=O,S,N]Any=:Any@1)])
fp1c	Tertiary	N(C[NOT=C=O,C=S,C:Any,Any[IS=C,N]C(=N)N,C[1](Any [IS=O,S,N]An y=:AnyAny=@ 1),C[1](=AnyAny[IS=O,S,N] Any=:Any@1)])(C[NOT=C=O, C=S,C:Any,Any[IS=C,N]C (=N)N,C[1](Any[IS=O,S,N]Any=:AnyAny=@1) ,C[1] (=AnyAny[IS=O,S,N]Any=:Any@1)])(C[NOT=C=O,C=S, C:Any,Any[IS=C,N]C(=N)N,C[1](Any[IS=O,S,N]Any=: AnyAny=@1),C[1](=AnyAny[1 S=O,S,N]Any=:Any@1)])
Amines attached to heteroaromatics		
fp2a	Primary	C[1](Any[IS=O,S,N]Any=:AnyAny=@1)NH2 C[1](=AnyAny[IS=O,S,N]Any=:Any@1)NH2
fp2b	Secondary	C[1](Any[IS=O,S,N]Any=:AnyAny=@1)NHAny[NOT=H*] C[1](=AnyAny[IS=O,S,N]Any=:Any@1)NHAny[NOT=H*]
fp2c	Tertiary	C[1](Any[IS=O,S,N]Any=:AnyAny=@1)N(Any[NOT=H*]) Any[NOT=H*] C[1](=AnyAny[IS=O,S,N]Any=:Any@1)N(Any[NOT=H*]) Any[NOT=H*]
Anilines		
fp3a	Primary	NH2C(:Any)(:Any[NOT=H*])
fp3b	Secondary	NH(C(:Any)(:Any[NOT=H*]))Any[NOT=H*]
fp3c	Tertiary	N(C(:Any)(:Any[NOT=H*]))(Any[NOT=H*])Any[NOT=H*] N(C(:Any)(:Any[NOT=H*]))=C

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N in aromatics		
fp4a	6-membered ring	Any[is=N,C]:N:Any[is=N,C]
fp4b	-NH- in heteroaromatics	N[1]HAny[IS=C,N]=:Any[IS=C,N]Any[IS=C,N]=:Any[IS=C, N]-@1
fp4c	-N- in heteroaromatics	N[I]Any[IS=C,N]=:Any[IS=C,N]Any[IS=C,N]=:Any[IS=C, N]-@1
fp4d	-N= in heteroaromatics	N[1](Any[IS=O,S,N]Any=:AnyAny=@1) N[1](=AnyAny[IS=O,S,N]Any=:Any@1)

Imines/Nitrile/ Guanidine/Amidine		
fp5a	Imines	Any[IS=C,H,S]N[NOT=N[1](Any[IS=O,S,N]Any=: AnyAny=@1),N[1](=A nyAny[IS=O,S,N]Any=:Any@1)]=C [NOT=Any[IS=C,N]C(=N)N]
fp5b	Nitrile	C#N
fp5c	Guanidine	N[NOT=C[1](Any[IS=O,S,N]Any=:AnyAny=@1)N,C[1] (=AnyAny[IS=O,S ,N]Any=:Any@1)N]C(=N)N[NOT=C[1] (Any[IS=O,S,N]Any=:AnyAny=@ 1)N,C[1](=AnyAny [IS=O,S,N]Any=:Any@1)N]
fp5d	Amidine (not hetero-aromatics)	Any[NOT=N]C(=N[NOT=N[1](Any[IS=O,S,N]Any=: AnyAny=@1),N[1](= AnyAny[IS=O,S,N]Any=:Any@1)])N

N~O/Nitro/N=N/N-N		
fp6a	Hydroxyamine, Oxime, Hydroxamic acid....)	N[!r]-O[!r]
fp6b	Nitro, Nitroso	N(=O)
fp6c	N=N Azo (not in a ring)	N=N[NOT=N[1](Any[IS=O,S,N]Any=:AnyAny=@1),N[1] (=AnyAny[IS=O ,S,N]Any=:Any@1)]
fp6d	N-N Hydrazine	N-N[NOT=N[1](Any[IS=O,S,N]Any=:AnyAny=@1),N[1] (=AnyAny [IS=O,S,N]Any=:Any@1)]

Amide/ Thioamide/ Sulfonamide		
fp7a	Amide1 (NH$_2$-CO)	NH2C=O
fp7b	Amide2 (R$_1$-NH-CO)	Any[NOT=H*]NHC=O
fp7c	Amide3 (R$_1$R$_2$N-CO)	Any[NOT=H*]N(C=O) Any[NOT=H*]
fp7d	Thioamidel (NH$_2$-CS)	NH2C=S
fp7e	Thioamide2 (R$_1$-NH-CS)	Any[NOT=H*]NHC=S
fp7f	Thioamide3(R$_1$R$_2$N-CS)	Any(NOT=H*]N(C=S)Any(NOT=H*]
fp7g	Sulf.amidel (NH$_2$SO$_2$)	NH2S(=O)(=O)
fp7h	Sulf.amide2 (R$_1$-NHSO$_2$)	NH(S(=O)=O)Any[NOT=H*]
fp7i	Sulf.amide3 (R$_1$R$_2$-NSO$_2$)	N(S(=O)=O)(Any[NOT=H*])Any[NOT=H*]

Alcohol/Ether/Aldehyde/Ketone/Ester/Carboxylic acid/Carbothioic acid/Sulfinic acid/Sulfonic acid		
fp8a	Alcohol	C[NOT=C=O,C=S](OH)
fp8b	Ether	Any[NOT=C=O, H*]-O-Any[NOT=C=O,H*]
fp8c	Aldehyde	CCH(=O)
fp8d	Ketone	CC(=O)C
fp8e	Ester	C(=O)OC

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Alcohol/Ether/Aldehyde/Ketone/Ester/Carboxylic acid/Carbothioic acid/Sulfinic acid/Sulfonic acid		
fp8f	Carboxylic acid	C(=O)(OH)
fp8g	Carbothioic O acid	C(=S)(OH)
fp8h	Carbothioic S acid	C(=O)(SH)
fp8i	sulfinic acid	Any[is=H,C]S[NOT=S(=O)(=O)](=O)(OH)
fp8j	sulfonic acid	Any[is=H,C]S(=O)(=O)(OH)
Halogen		
fp9a	Fluoro	F
fp9b	Chloro	Cl
fp9c	Bromo	Br
fp9d	Iodo	I
Total C/H/N/O/S		
fp10a	total C	C
fp10b	total H	H
fp10c	total N	N
fp10d	total O	O
fp10e	total S	S

Claims

1. A method for predicting pharmacokinetic properties of molecules comprising the steps of:

   (a) preparing 2D-structures of molecules used as a training set;
   (b) constructing a 2D-fingerprint by counting the number of structural descriptors that potentially relate to a pharmacokinetic property, either manually or automatically using internally developed macro; wherein said structural descriptors consist of predefined 20 to 80 atoms/fragments or substructures;
   (c) analyzing the obtained 2D-fingerprint by a statistical analysis method to correlate with the pharmacokinetic property of the molecule to yield a quantitative structure-property relationship (QSPR) model; and
   (d) calculating the pharmacokinetic property of a trial molecule using the above obtained QSPR model.

2. A method of Claim 1, wherein the pharmacokinetic property is absorption.

3. A method of Claim 1, wherein the pharmacokinetic property is distribution.

4. A method of Claim 1, wherein the pharmacokinetic property is metabolism

5. A method of Claim 1, wherein the pharmacokinetic property is excretion.

6. A method of Claim 1, wherein the internally developed macro comprises the macro script 2dfp.spl or 2dfp_abs.spl, written in SYBYL™ Programming Language (SPL).

7. A system for predicting pharmacokinetic properties of molecules comprising:

   (a) means for preparing 2D-structures of molecules used as a training set;
   (b) means for constructing a 2D-fingerprint by counting the number of structural descriptors that potentially relate to a pharmacokinetic property, wherein said structural descriptors consist of predefined 20 to 80 atoms/fragments or substructures;
   (c) means for analyzing the obtained 2D-fingerprint by a statistical analysis method to correlate with the phar-

macokinetic property of the molecule to yield a quantitative structure-property relationship (QSPR) model; and
(d) means for calculating the pharmacokinetic property of a trial molecule using the above obtained QSPR
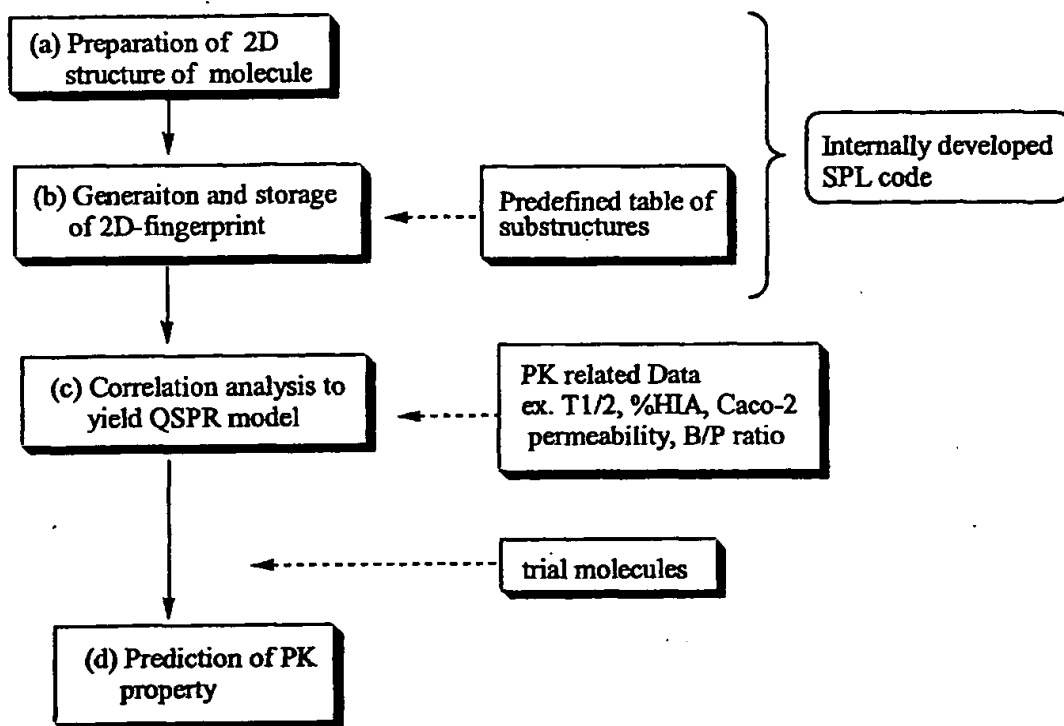model.

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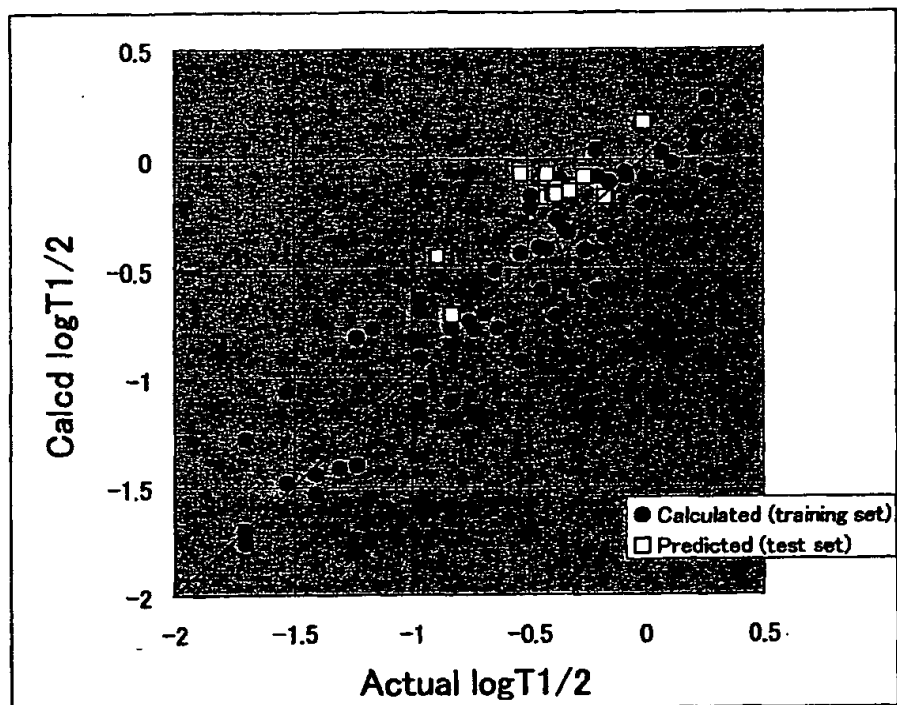30

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Fig.1

Fig. 2.   Calculated *vs.* actual log t1/2.

Calculated values for training set (N = 54) are indicated as closed circles and predicted values for test set as open squares.
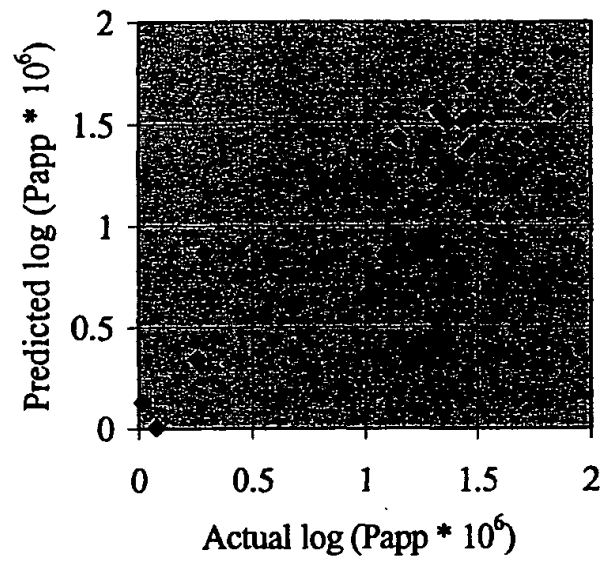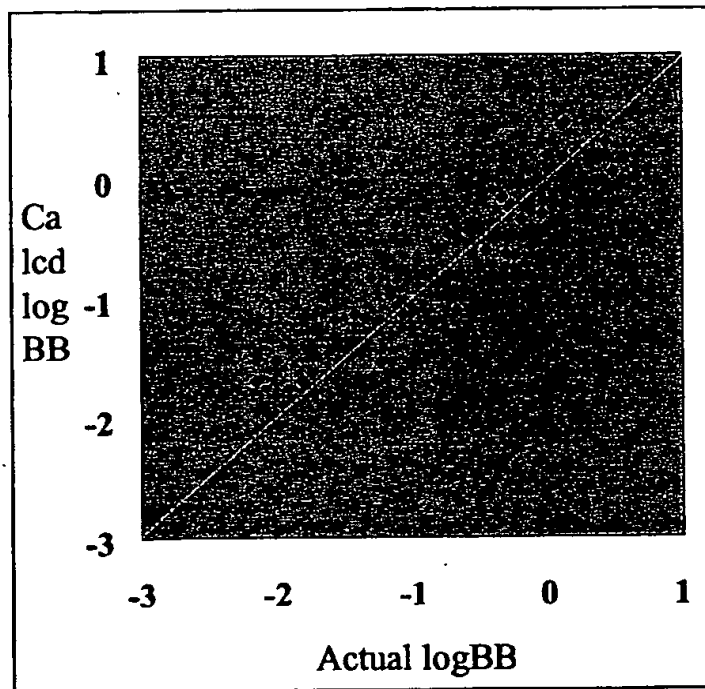
Fig. 3. Calculated *vs.* actual log(P$_{app}$ * 10^6).

Fig. 4. A plot of actual vs. calcd logBB.